

Homegoing Celebration For
Mary Catherine Bohanon

Sunrise:
November 13, 1930

Sunset:
October 31, 2010



Services held on:

Saturday, November 13, 2010
10:00 A.M.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 South 52nd Street
Richmond, California

Officiating:
Dr. Kevin B. Hall

~ Obituary ~

Mary Catherine Suggs was born on November 13, 1930, in Water Valley Mississippi to the proud parents Ernest Suggs and Jewell Conway-Suggs. She was the oldest of four children, a sister Elizabeth Suggs who preceded her in death, and two brothers Leevorn Suggs, and Earnest Suggs Jr. She was known by family and friends as "Nana" or "Mae-Catherine". She accepted Christ into her life at an early age and was baptized at the Everdale Missionary Baptist Church in Water Valley, Mississippi. She was a faithful member of the St. John Missionary Baptist church of Richmond, for more than 35 years serving in the Senior Choir, Naomi Circle, Hospitality and Sunday School ministries.

Mary Catherine's early education began in Oxford, Mississippi. The family moved to Marin City, California in June of 1948 to reunite with Ernest Suggs Sr. He migrated to California a year prior and worked for the Ship Yards. Nana continued her education in California where she graduated from Tamalpais Union High School in Mill Valley in 1951 and College of Marin in 1953.

On February 14, 1955 Mary Catherine married the "love of her life" her high school sweetheart James Daniel Bohanon Jr. To this union three children were born Earic, Mechelle, and Mariea Bohanon. Mary participated in the local P.T.A. and Girl Scouts as a Brownie Troop Leader. She was a Foster Care Mother and she owned and operated, Nanaland Family Daycare Center for over thirty five years.

Mary Catherine Bohanon went home to be with the Lord on October 31st, 2010 in Richmond, California.

Mary Catherine will be remembered as a cheerful giver, a hard worker, a devoted wife; a loving mother and good friend by all that knew her. She will also be remembered as someone who loved to laugh. Her memory will live on through her husband James, her children Earic, Mechelle, and Mariea, four grandchildren, Elecyaha, Christina Jackson, Bianca Raymond, and Troy Bohanon; Five great grandchildren; Destiny Jackson, Keon, Dashaun, Ramael and Gabriele Raymon; two brothers Leevorn Suggs and Earnest Suggs, two sister-in-laws, Almatha Suggs, Johnnie Suggs (deceased) three nieces; Celest Suggs, Sara Angcao(Suggs), and Michelle Suggs, two nephews Leevorn Jr. and Earnest Suggs, four great-nieces, Essence Suggs, Lyric Suggs, Jocelyn Suggs, and Isabella Angcao, one great nephew Thyreak Suggs. Cherished memories will be carried on by a host of cousins and other relatives, neighbors and friends.

~ Order of Service ~

Music Prelude..... Music CD

Processional - Viewing..... Clergy/Family/Friends

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Minister Otis Harris

New Testament.....1 John 4:7-12.....Minister Otis Harris

Prayer.....Minister Metrice Williams

Selection..... R.L. Johnson Male Chorus

Resolutions..... Sister Annie Johnson

Acknowledgements of Cards & Condolences.....Sister Ann Lucas

Solo.....Sister Celest Suggs

Reading of ObituarySister Lisa Everett

Poem.....Sister Lisa Everett

Selection..... R.L. Johnson Male Chorus

Celebration Message Dr. Kevin B. Hall

Recessional Wilson & Kratzer Staff/Instrumental

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California

Repast

R.L. Johnson Fellowship Hall

Active Pallbearers

David Gray
Michael Gray
Jessie Polk Jr.

Ramon Polk
Herbert Wade Jr.
Earnest Suggs

Honorary Pallbearers

John Turner Jr.
Anthony McLean Sr.

Ezekiel Dawson
Ronald McLean

Acknowledgements

*Because you cared, you came to share
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer.
Because you cared enough to do,
Words of comfort on cards came too.
Because you cared, we were not alone;
Calls and visits reached our home.
Because you cared, we're praying too,
For God's richest blessing upon each of you.
The Bohanon Family*

Makes A Great Friend

A lways Eager To Learn God's Word

R efuse To Give Up

Y ou Are Determined, Cannot Be Stopped

B eautiful Person Inside and Out

O ne Who Dares To Be Different

H as Great Aspirations

A Woman Of High Standard

N ever Gives Up Hope For Others

O ne Who Is Strengthened By Adversity

N ever At A Loss For Words

~ Rachael Thomas

Arrangements Entrusted To

*Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries ■ Civic Center Chapel
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